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Forbes' Bill to Increase FAA's R & D Budget
Passes House Committee

Washington, D.C. – Today, the House Science Committee approved legislation introduced by Congressman J. Randy Forbes (VA-04). The bill, **H.R. 2734, The Federal Aviation Administration Research and Development Reauthorization Act**, provides increased authorization levels for the Federal Aviation Administration's (FAA) research and development programs.

This legislation establishes a Joint Program Office within the FAA to manage research and development for the next generation air traffic management system. The bill would continue important research programs that address aging aircraft, fire safety, and air traffic control technology, and it authorizes new spending for aircraft noise and emissions reduction research.

Speaking before the committee today, Forbes stated, "The Federal Aviation Administration plays a unique and critical role in our economy. The FAA provides air traffic control services 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, and ensures that the aircraft we fly in are safe."

Forbes continued: "To carry out its mission, FAA must build, maintain, and operate a complex system of communications, navigation and surveillance systems to monitor and separate aircraft. It must also stay current on new designs and technologies that are constantly emerging from aerospace industry manufacturers and suppliers."

Later, Forbes summarized: "We have all heard the expression that an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure. Every dollar we spend today to ensure the safety and quality of our airplanes, are lives saved down the road."

The *Federal Aviation Administration Research and Development Reauthorization Act* is scheduled for review by the full House this fall.

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